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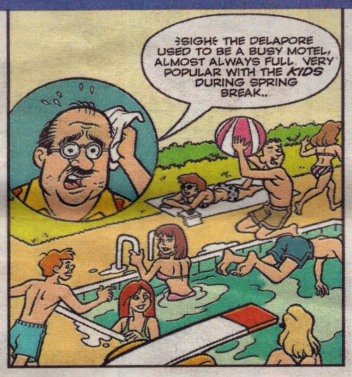

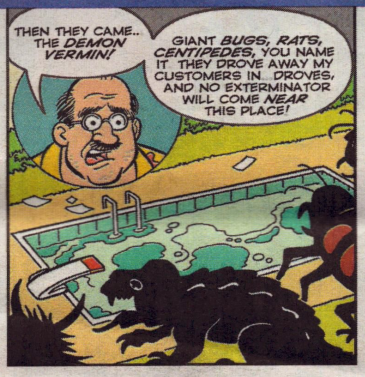

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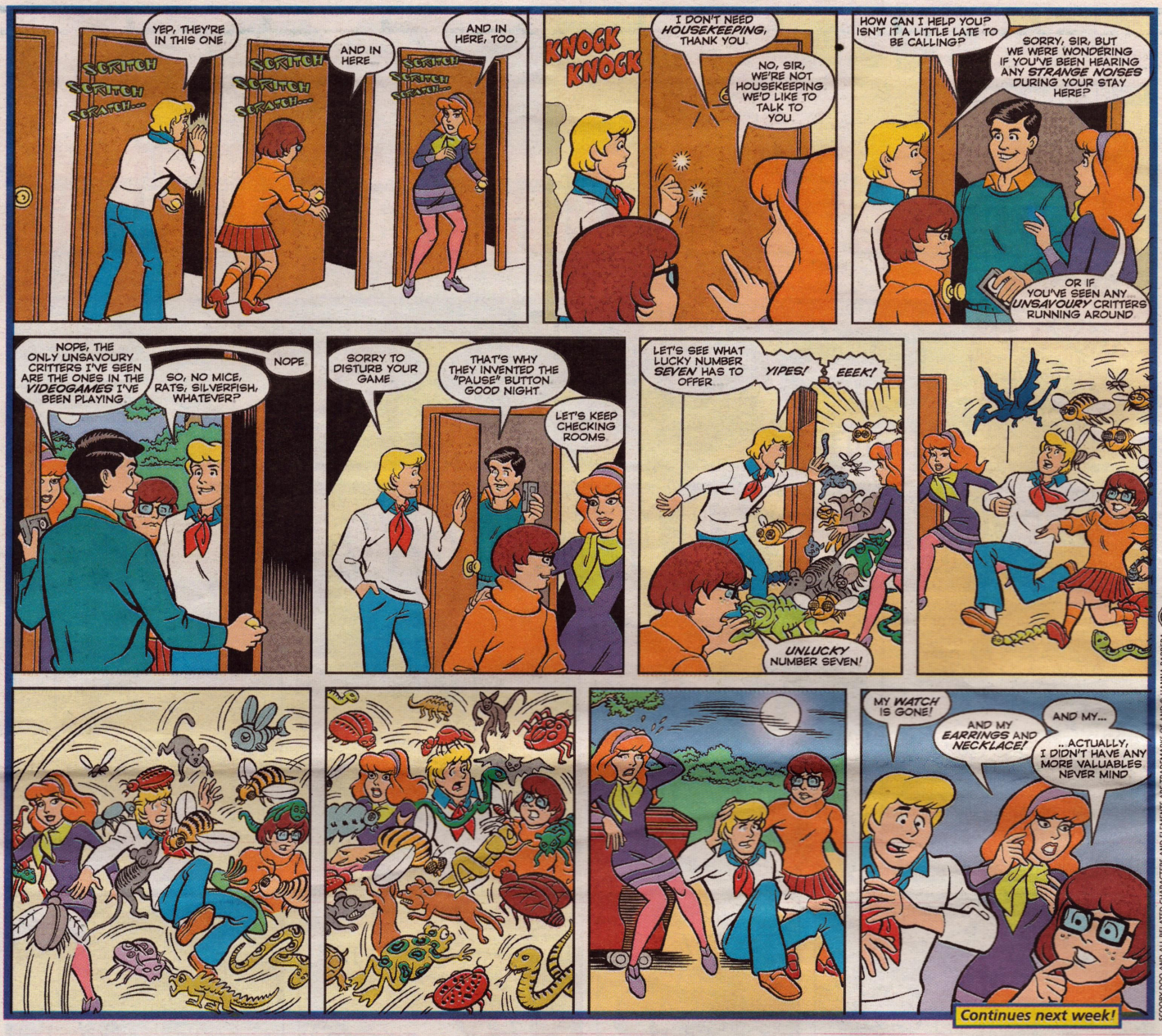

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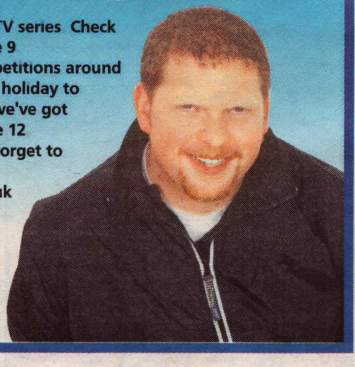
HELLO EVERYONE!

We joined Atomic Kitten's Jenny, Tash and Liz this week, as they planted a tree in the Blue Peter garden. But why were the green-fingered Kittens doing their best Charlie Dimmock impersonations? They're supporting The Sunday Times's Future Forests campaign! Read more about this environmental initiative and how you can take part on page 3 today. There are six days to go until the FA Cup final between Chelsea and Arsenal at the Millennium Stadium. It's the first all-London final for 20 years, featuring some of the hottest Premiership stars around, and we kick off a look at the history of the final in our centre spread. Also, S Clubber Hannah tells us about the release of the complete Hollywood 7 series on video. She had a good chuckle remembering some of the best moments the band had on the set of the last TV series. Check out what she has to say on page 9. We've also got the coolest competitions around this week. You can win a family holiday to sunny Florida on page 11, plus we've got a hot Xbox up for grabs on page 12. Have a great week – and don't forget to drop us a line at funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk

Take care,

Dave

Dave, editor



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Yikes! Look what's bugging Fred, Velma and Daphne!

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NEWS

Hip to be square

Nintendo launches a brand new games console on Friday – the GameCube – with 50,000 advance orders already placed for the much-anticipated system. At 15cm long, 15cm wide and 11cm tall, the GameCube isn't actually a cube at all! On release, gamers will have 20 titles to choose from, including Star Wars Rogue Squadron II: Rogue Leader and Luigi's Mansion. A further 50 titles will be introduced in the summer. Despite competition from Microsoft's Xbox and other rivals, Nintendo is confident the GameCube will be a hit. "We know this is a proven formula for success, following our successful launches in the US and Japan," says David Gosen, Nintendo Europe's managing director of sales and marketing.

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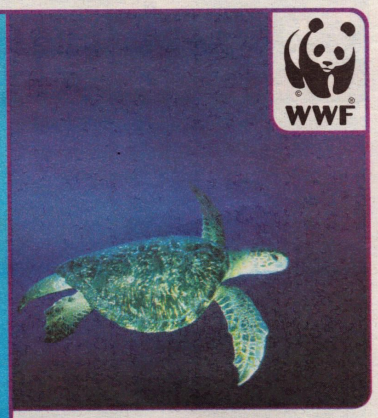
Splash out

Environmental charity WWF hopes to make some waves this month, as hundreds of swimmers take the plunge for this year's Big Swim. The WWF wants everyone to take to the water and raise funds to help protect sea turtles and other threatened marine wildlife. Swimmers don't have to stroke through lots of lengths either, they can organise any water activity such as a sponsored dive-a-thon, water polo or a synchronised swim. All of the world's seven types of turtle are under threat, mainly because of their value to illegal traders as ornaments and food. To register for the WWF Big Swim, click on www.wwf.org.uk/bigswim and sign up online. You can also register by calling the WWF hotline on 08457 668 860, quoting the code EO45. Go and get wet!

BIG SWIM 2002



Future forests

With only 8.4% of the country covered by trees, Britain desperately needs more trees to combat the dangers of global warming. The Sunday Times has teamed up with Future Forests – an environmental group that helps reforest the world – and readers have already helped to plant more than 20,000 new saplings.

Trees are not only essential to Britain's wildlife, they also re-absorb carbon dioxide [CO_2], which is one of the main causes of global warming. Tree planting helps to offset some of the CO_2 emissions we create. The most common cause of which is electric power, so it's vital that we don't waste electricity. Did you know that mobile phone chargers use 95% of the electricity they consume when they're left unused in the socket? This creates 70,000 tonnes of CO_2 each year! Plus, leaving TVs, computers or stereos on standby still uses 40% of the power they use when they're switched on.

It costs £7 for a new tree to be planted [see page 57 of today's Sunday Times Magazine for details], so, why not get together with your friends, family or class to help plant one of your own, and build Britain's future forests. Just two trees can offset the CO_2 produced by the electricity each of us uses at home each year.

Pop queens Atomic Kitten [pictured] are backing the campaign and they have planted 375 trees to offset the CO_2 emitted by the production and distribution of their album and recent tour. For more details on the Future Forests campaign, and to enter a Funday comp, click on www.futureforests.com/sundaytimes

It's pure and spin-ful!

Pop stars Hear'Say proved last week that they're no chart chickens, when they launched the stomach-churning new Maelstrom ride at Drayton Manor theme park. Maelstrom's circular gondola features 32 seats facing outwards, at the end of a 17.4m-long pendulum. The ride then revolves at high speed, before swinging to angles of 120°!

"It's amazing! If you let go of the harness, you feel like you're flying," gasped Myleene after the inaugural ride.

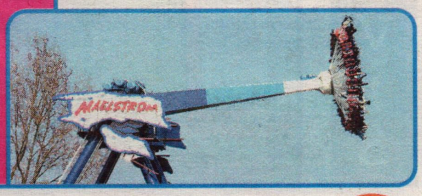
"You can't really underestimate it because it looks like it is just swinging, but it's actually got a really good force and power to it," added Danny.

"We're all adrenaline junkies," laughed Noel.

"Although on Apocalypse [Drayton's 54m drop ride], Johnny was playing it cool to start off with, but when it got higher and higher he started freaking out," he added. "I thought he was going to cry!"

"Can I just say something, though?" yelled back Johnny. "At least when I'm scared ... I don't dribble!"

Click on www.draytonmanor.co.uk for more information, or call 01827 287979.

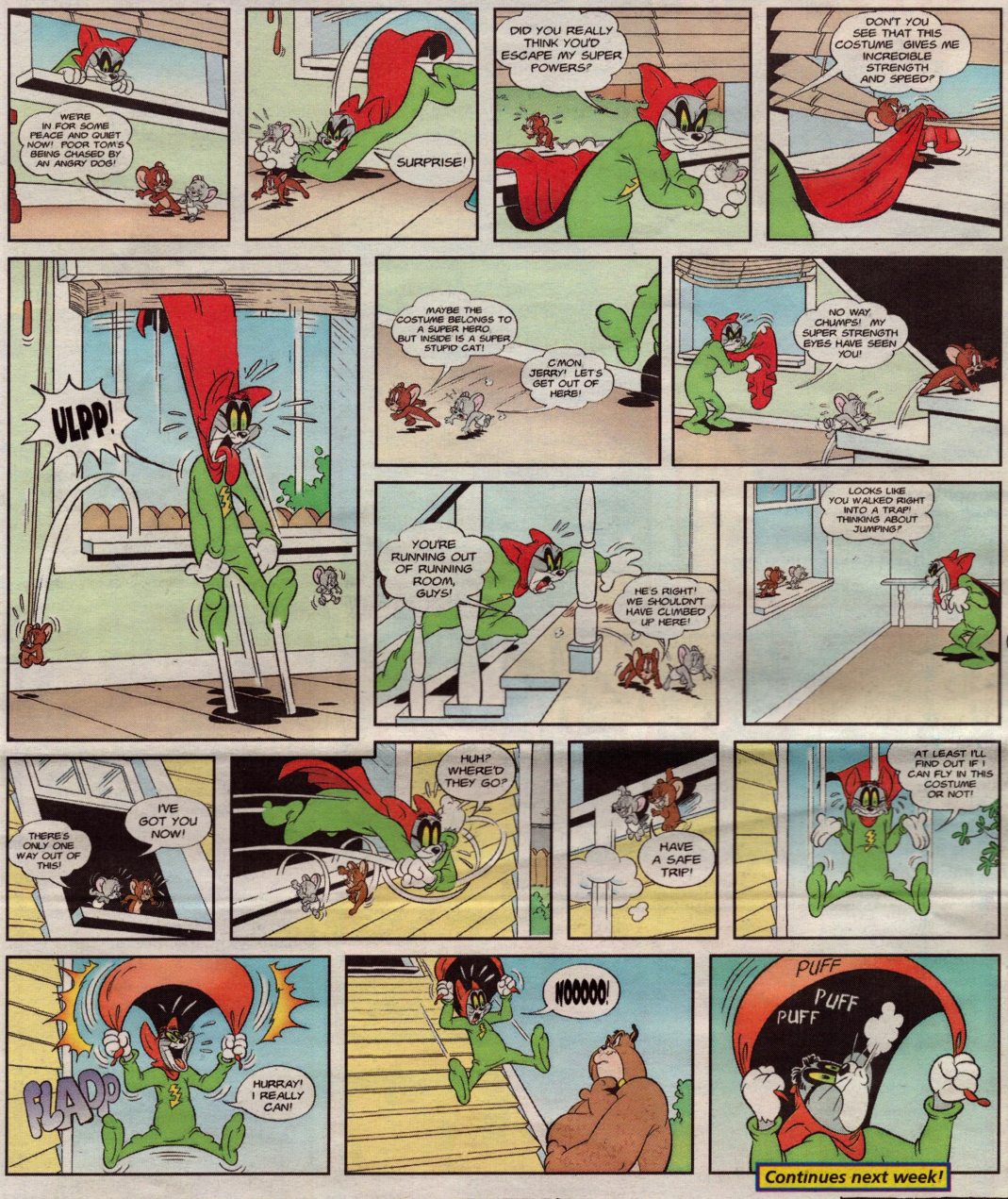


Super sandwich

US Army scientists have come up with a replacement for the standard battlefield grub, the "Meal, Ready to Eat" [or as soldiers usually call it: "Meal, Rarely Edible!"] The Natick laboratory, which creates combat rations for American forces, has invented an indestructible sandwich! The "pocket" sarnie, which comes in pepperoni, barbecued chicken, beef nacho and peanut butter and jelly flavours, can survive a 3,000m airdrop, freezing Arctic chills, blistering desert heat, bacteria and moisture – and stays fresh for up to three years! The vacuum-packed sandwich use humectants [substances which control moisture exchange] to prevent water from the filling damaging the bread. So, what are the new lab-produced sandwiches like? Soldiers who have tasted the sci-fi sarnies have only described the taste as "acceptable"!

TOM AND JERRY SUPER CAT

The story so far – Poor Tom's "super" powers are all in his mind, although he's causing quite a stir around the house!



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BRAINBOX

I'm Brainbox – the Funday boffin! Send in a puzzling question you want to know the answer to and see if my friends and I can answer it

What beans are baked beans and when were they invented?
Sarah Evans, 7, Sheffield

The small white beans used to make Heinz Baked Beans are a type of haricot bean called the navy bean. The other main ingredient is tomato puree, made with Mediterranean-grown tomatoes. Heinz Baked Beans were first produced by H J Heinz in Pittsburgh, America, in 1895 to an original recipe of oven baked beans with pork and tomato sauce. At the beginning of the 20th century, baked beans were sold as a luxury food item that not everyone could afford and were first sold in the UK by Fortnum and Mason in 1901. A large can sold for 9d, which would be the equivalent of £1.50 today! Heinz Baked Beans were not produced here until 1928 and the small pieces of pork originally contained within the tasty beans were removed during the second world war due to meat rationing. They've since become one of the most popular foods in the UK and every day more than 1.5m cans of Heinz Baked Beans are consumed. That is approximately 550m cans a year!

PICTURE: PA

Answer from Heinz

If you have a question for Brainbox, write to: Brainbox, The Funday Times, PO Box 495, London E98 1ST or e-mail brainbox@sunday-times.co.uk

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Now you know all about baked beans, send Brainbox your own tricky question!

RIDING HIGH

Peter Medlicott reports on the end-of-season snowboarding action from The Brit Games 2002 in the Austrian Alps

Brit of boarding action in Mayrhofen

Hundreds of British boarders headed for the quiet resort of Mayrhofen, in Austria's Tirol region, earlier this month for the first ever Brit Games – and Funday joined them on the slopes!

This new event, which is open to riders of all ages and standards, is designed to show off British talent on the snow. Although, the loud and funky sound system and the sunshine guaranteed it was as much about having fun as winning.

The Brit Games consisted of three competitions: the halfpipe [performing tricks while zigzagging down a huge halfpipe dug out of the snow], the slopestyle [performing tricks on the jumps, kickers and rails in the fun park] and – the crowd's favourite – the big air [flying as high as you can in the air while spinning or grabbing your board].

Age is no limit when it comes to snowboarding and proof of this was found in 13-year-old Ben Kilner, who started riding just four years ago.

"My mom booked me a snowboard lesson at Glenshee to see if I would like it, I did, and it just went from there," Ben told us.

Ben stole the show at the Brit Games with his huge backflips and spins off the kicker, and went home happy after winning the halfpipe, slopestyle and the big air in the "mini men" category. "This is my last year in the under-13 category, so it was nice to go out with a bang," he grinned.

Having graduated from the junior age group this year, Ryan Davis, 20, managed to battle on despite a back injury to secure first place in the slopestyle event, with some monstrous 6m-high airs and some seriously flash spins off the kicker.

Ryan, who started riding at the High Wycombe dry slope, said: "I'm really stoked to win, especially as my back injury has prevented me from riding for the past four weeks."

Another impressive rider, and a familiar face from the Winter Olympics, was Lesley McKenna. Failing to qualify for the halfpipe final at Salt Lake didn't deter Lesley in Mayrhofen, where she had a great time riding the fun park. In fact, the Aviemore boarder won all three events.

"I went to the Brit Games for a bit of fun," Lesley explained. "I have had a really long and stressful season and I wanted to hang out and ride for a laugh. It was just what I needed and it was a bonus that I did really well too."

But while most of us won't pick up a board until next season, Lesley has other plans.

"In June, I will probably go to Mount Hood in the States as the pipes there are excellent. Then I may go to the World Cup in Chile in September.

I want to have a good season as I finished fourth this year in the overall standings and third last year. I would like to better that."

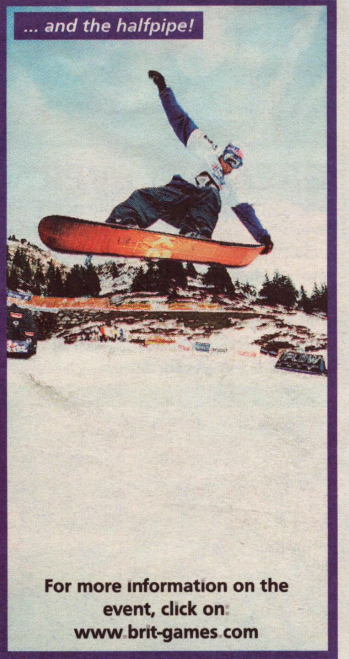
Ryan Davis gets stoked

Ben Kilner ready for action

There's the rail slide ...

Riding the halfpipe

... the big air ...


... and the halfpipe!

For more information on the event, click on: www.brit-games.com

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FINAL FEVER

Ahead of Saturday's FA Cup final, Paul Wray looks at the history of football's most-famous domestic cup competition

UP FOR THE CUP

The FA Cup is one of the world's most recognisable trophies in sport. The current cup is, in fact, the fourth trophy to be used, since the first final in 1872. It is an exact replica of the third trophy, which lasted from 1911 to 1991, and stands 48cm high – excluding the plinth – and weighs 5kg. After winning the new FA Cup in 1992, Liverpool reserve team boss Phil Thompson dropped the lid, which was so badly dented that it didn't fit back onto the rim properly!

ON THE MOVE

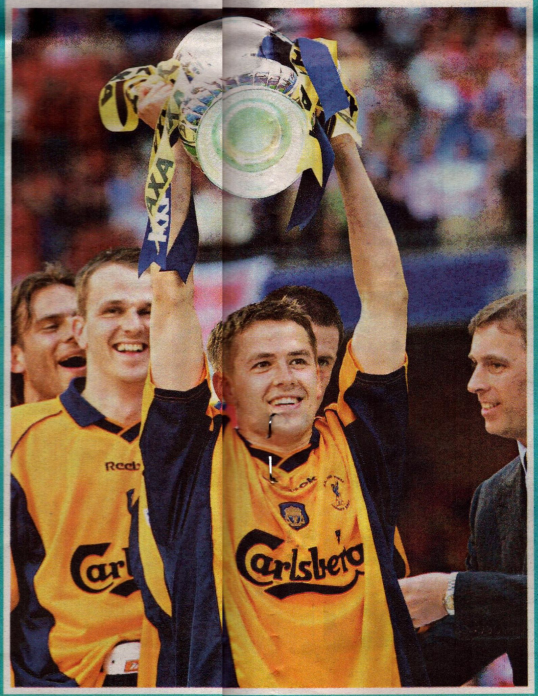
Although the FA Cup final and Wembley will be forever linked, did you know that the final has been held in eight other stadiums? Since 1872, the big final has been played at the Kennington Oval, Crystal Palace, Lillie Bridge, Old Trafford, Fallowfield, Stamford Bridge, Goodison Park and the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff [pictured].

WHITE STEED

Wembley hosted its first final in 1923, between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United, which was attended by King George V. From the start, the famous stadium entered FA Cup folklore when a whopping crowd of 200,000 swamped the pitch to be contained by a handful of mounted police officers including the legendary white horse, Billy, and his rider, PC George Scorey. It is now known as the White Horse final.

CUP KICK-OFF!

The now-defunct Wanderers club beat the Royal Engineers 1-0 in the first FA Cup final in 1872 – played in front of 2,000 fans at the Kennington Oval, in London. Last year, more than 75,000 fans travelled to the Millennium Stadium, in Cardiff, to see Liverpool beat Arsenal 2-1 [below], while this year sees Arsenal play Chelsea, when the final is staged once again at the Millennium Stadium. The FA Cup final has come a long way and still inspires football fans across the globe.



FOREIGN FIRST

Dutch master Ruud Gullit was the first non-British manager to lift the famous trophy in 1997, and since then there's no stopping the foreign cup fest. He was quickly followed by Arsenal's French boss Arsene Wenger a year later, Chelsea's Italian Gianluca Vialli in 2000 and last year by Liverpool's honorary scouser Gerard Houllier, from France!

WIMBLE-WON!

One of the biggest upsets in FA Cup final history was lowly Wimbledon's 1-0 triumph against the all-conquering league champions Liverpool in 1988. A Lawrie Sanchez-headed goal and a brilliant penalty save by goalie Dave Beasant saw the unfancied Dons lift the famous trophy to the amazement of the football world.

QUICK FIRE

Chelsea's Roberto Di Matteo scored the fastest goal in a Wembley cup final. The Italian needed only 43 seconds in 1997 to score against Middlesbrough. However, John Devy scored the fastest-ever FA Cup final goal for Aston Villa, in just 30 seconds, at the old Crystal Palace in 1895.

FINALLY OVER

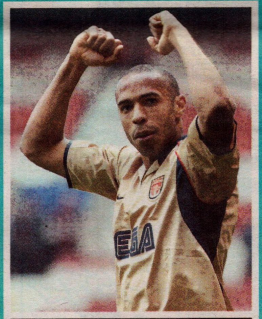
Not all FA Cup finals live up to expectations. One of the longest – and dullest – finals in recent memory was eventually won by Arsenal in 1993. The Gunners beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1, following extra time in a replay. Unlikely hero Andy Linigan [above right] put the frustrated fans out of their misery.

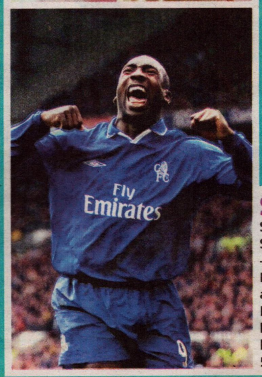
GREATEST EVER?

One of the most memorable goals ever seen in an FA Cup final was Ricky Villa's remarkable mazy dribble and shot during the 1981 FA Cup final replay between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City. The Argentinian's spectacular solo effort capped a 3-2 win for Spurs.

CAPITAL GAME

This year's final is the first all-London FA Cup final for 20 years. In 1982, Glenn Hoddle inspired Tottenham Hotspur to beat Queen's Park Rangers 1-0 in a replay [right]. London sides have met each other in the final a further three times in 1967, 1975 and 1980. There have also been two all-Merseyside finals between Liverpool and Everton in 1986 and 1989. While Birmingham sides Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City have met each other in the final on four occasions.





ON HIS OWEN

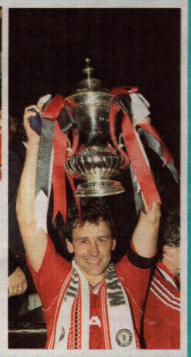
The 2001 final – the first to be played at the Millennium Stadium – will be remembered for Michael Owen's two goals in the final five minutes. Despite Michael's side not playing at their best, the England ace's inspired performance secured Liverpool a 2-1 victory over Arsenal to the delight of the Reds fans!

SHOOT OUT

Saturday's big game at the Millennium Stadium is between Arsenal and Chelsea – two of the Premiership's top teams. Fans could enjoy a high-scoring final as the Gunner's French striker Thierry Henry [top left] and the Blues' Dutch hotshot Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink [left] have, between them, scored more than 50 goals this season!

FINAL FACTS

- The winners of this year's final will collect a bumper £2m in prize-money
- 596 clubs tried to reach the 2002 final, while only 15 clubs entered the first FA Cup competition in 1872
- Scottish club Queen's Park reached the final twice in 1884 and 1885
- Only one non-League club has won the famous trophy. Tottenham Hotspur, then of the Southern League, beat Sheffield United in 1901
- Two clubs have won the cup three years in a row – Wanderers [1876-78] and Blackburn Rovers [1884-86]
- The biggest margin of victory in a final was when Bury beat Derby County 6-0 in 1903



FERGIE'S FINALS

Manchester United have won the FA Cup a record 10 times, followed by Tottenham Hotspur, with eight wins, and Arsenal, with seven. Manchester United's record is partly thanks to current boss Sir Alex Ferguson. The Scot has lead his Old Trafford team to five FA Cup finals, with wins in 1990, 1994, 1996 and 1999.

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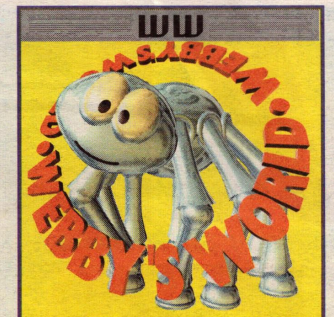

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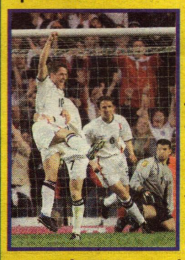
With the World Cup a month away, keep tabs on the state of Becks' foot and the England squad's build-up on the Football Association site.



However, don't think it's all about men's football, there are great sections on the women's national side, the women's FA Cup, and football at every level. A truly national site for the national game!

www.therock.com

Smell what The Rock's got cookin' on his website – and judging by the places the WWF wrestler is popping up, he's got his fingers in a lot of pies! As well as rapping with Wyclef Jean, The Rock is now starring on the big screen as The Scorpion King [cert 12] but this site focuses on his bone-crunching moves in the ring. Check out the chucklesome Rockisms!

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If you are a webhead and have discovered a great site, or have created one of your own, spin me a mail and tell me all about it on webby@sunday-times.co.uk

FRESH!

DANONE ACTIV' ✪✪✪✪✪

Danone Activ' is set to tantalise your taste-buds with its new fruity water drinks that come in blackcurrant, tropical orange and apple flavours. Like the Danone Activ' plain bottled water, the flavoursome newcomers are topped up with calcium, which is essential to ensure the development of healthy bones and teeth. The tangy drinks are also low in sugar, so it should be easy to get your mum to pop one into your lunch-box. Fruit fun for your tongue!

THIRST QUENCHER

FOU FOU ✪✪✪✪✪

If you feel there's room for a spot of glamour in your life, think Fou Fou! The ultra fluffy Fou Fou [from Tomy] comes in candy pink or lilac and sits around your neck as a luxurious fashion accessory. But there's more to Fou Fou than that – she'll be your cuddly companion too. Fou Fou speaks her own language, wiggles with delight when she's tickled or stroked and will even blow you a kiss. Too cute for words! Available from Woolworths now.

CUTE & CUDDLY

STAR WARS: JEDI POWER BATTLES ✪✪✪✪✪

Use the Force as either Obi-Wan Kenobi, Qui-Gon Jinn or Mace Windu to complete 10 levels of lightsabre battling action and, ultimately, face Darth Maul. This beat 'em up, or rather slice 'em up, is great handheld fun that exploits the story-line and locations of The Phantom Menace to full Jedi effect. This is an above-average actioner that's got more excitement and galactic battling than the film ever had! But can you master the jumping sabre spike?

GAME BOY ADVANCE

Fresh! gets set for a Star Wars Episode II: Attack Of The Clones special soon!

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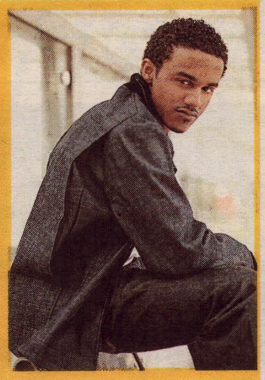
BUZZ!

A WORD FROM WARREN

Buzz! meets chart star Warren Stacey



What were you like as a lad, Warren?
I was passionate about dancing and singing. You can guarantee, wherever I was, I'd be jigging about somewhere. We used to have discos at my church, and I'd forever be in the middle of the floor, bopping away to Michael or Janet Jackson, loving having a crowd build around me.

Are there any daft haircuts or dodgy outfits in the family photo album?
I always used to beg my mum for the Michael Jackson "Jericho" wet-look hairdo, and she'd never let me have it done – thank goodness! I'm afraid to say I owned a pair of MC Hammer "Ali Baba" trousers, though!

Is there a part of you that's glad you didn't get into Hear'Say?
The whole of me is happy that didn't happen, to be blunt. From the show, people could see I really wanted to get in it, because I did then. But, seeing the end result, I quickly realised that it's just not me – at all!

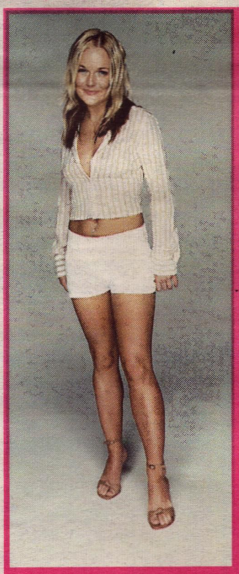
Which famous person turns your legs to absolute jelly?
Michael Jackson, without a doubt. He's not as cool as he used to be, but the man's a living legend and always will be.

Have you ever made a fool of yourself in front of someone famous?
I've had practice now, so if I met Michael I think I'd be cool. Saying that, though, when I was introduced to Gwen Stefani I just stood there, smiling much too much!

Are you looking forward to supporting Destiny's Child on tour?
I'm so anxious about it! I get a little bit nervous about the fact that they're such a huge phenomena, but I'm just going to overcome this and throw myself into it 100%.

BACK WHEN ... I MADE FRIENDS AT SCHOOL

In our final column, Sandi from allSTARS remembers her childhood chums



My best mate when I was little was a girl named Cheryl. I remember going on holiday with her to a holiday park in Wales. We had £20 pocket-money, which was a lot back then, and she spent all of hers on ice-cream in the first two days!

When we got older, Cheryl and I went to different secondary schools so we lost touch, but I made new friends. There were five of us who used to hang around together.

My best mate then was called Melanie. I'm vegetarian and there wasn't much choice in the canteen, so as I lived quite a long way from school, we'd go to her house for lunch. Most days we had sandwiches, but sometimes we'd treat ourselves to Pot Noodles, followed by melted Mars bars which we had stuck in a microwave for 30 seconds. You have to be careful, though, as the caramel gets hot and can burn your lips!

The new allSTARS single, Back When, is released tomorrow

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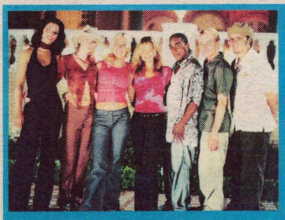

As S Club's Hollywood 7 series is released on video, Hannah tells us all about making the hit show

Is filming a TV series as much fun as it is to watch?
We have a great laugh, but I still can't get used to the long hours. We have to start at about 5am, when I'd much rather be snuggled up in bed, and we don't finish until 8.30pm. It's tiring, but you also get bored because there's lots of waiting around on the set.

What do you do to relieve the boredom?
Sleep mainly! I also eat lots and, on the last series, I started learning to play the guitar. I didn't get very far, though, and I've been too lazy to give it another go since we returned to England.

What do you get up to on your days off from filming?
We don't get many days off. It takes three months to film a series, and that's six days a week. On those rare days off I like to go shopping or to the cinema. Because we were in Santa Monica, which is a really nice area near Hollywood, Paul would sometimes hire a car and we'd both go off sightseeing.

What's your favourite Hollywood 7 episode?
I loved the one where we booby-trapped the house, but my favourite was when I dressed up as a man. That was hilarious to film and I've always enjoyed playing dress-up.

Did you get to keep the costumes?
Most of them, yes. Sometimes they're given away as prizes, but at the end of each series we get to take our pick. I don't plan to walk round dressed like a man, though!

Any funny memories?
Well, I couldn't stop laughing when Paul had to wear a dress. All the boys had to do it, but he looked the funniest. He's quite hairy and looked really uncomfortable.

Hollywood 7 [cert U] is out on video tomorrow

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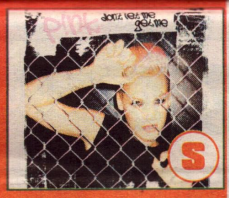
Single

DON'T LET ME GET ME Pink ★★★★



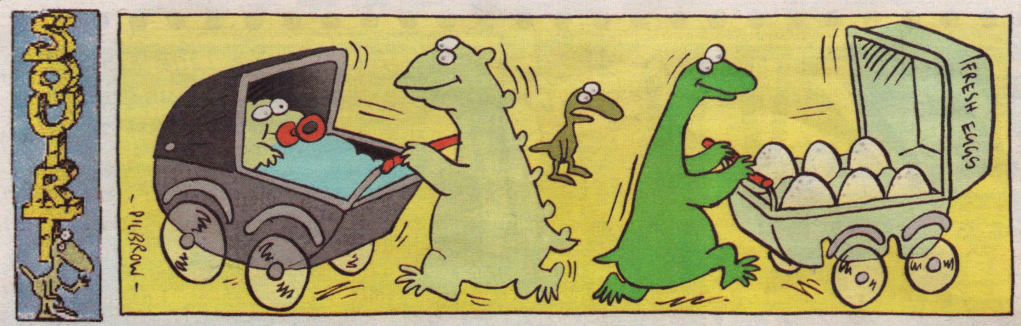
She may be pint-sized, but Pink still pulls no punches, and the feisty little singer doesn't let us down with her new single. It may not be as upbeat as the smash hit, Get The Party Started, but Don't Let Me Get Me is a strong rock pop tune, with lyrics that are well worth listening to. Pink uses the catchy track to have a go at herself, the world in general and Britney Spears ["She's so pretty, that just ain't me!"]. Feisty stuff.

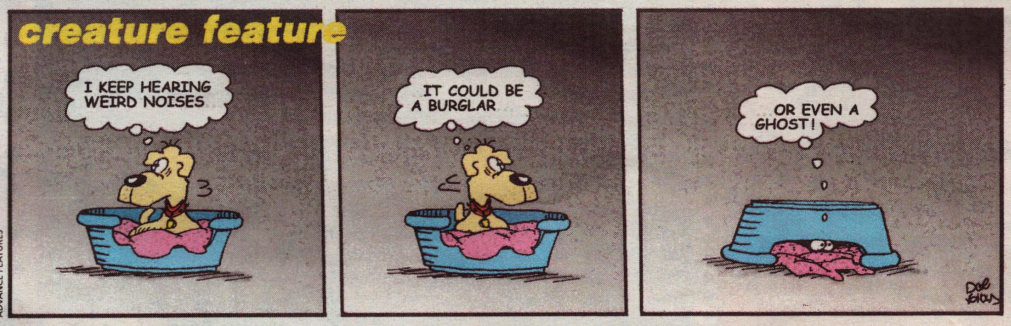
MAKE IT GOOD a1 ★★★★

Caught In The Middle was one of the best singles to be released so far this year, but the trouble with producing such a stonking track is that everyone expects you to follow it up with something just as good. Make It Good isn't in the same league, unfortunately, although it is a good pop track with a laid-back acoustic vibe. Plus, since it's not like a lot of other formula pop around at the moment, Mark, Ben, Christian and Paul deserve to have a big hit with it. Don't give up on it after one play either, this song grows.

ALL I WANT IS YOU Bellefire ★★★★

The Irish songsters are back and this time with a cover of the excellent U2 single, All I Want Is You. The girls have beautiful voices and sing stunning harmonies, giving this track a completely different feel to the original. It might seem a bit soft at first, but what it lacks in punch it gains in melody, making this a great track to lie back and chill out to. Ciara, Kelly, Cathy and Tara have created a classic sound here, and they've even been given the thumbs-up by Bono himself!





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NEXT WEEK

ILLUSTRATION SARAH EVANS

Funday's packed full of Spring Fresh ideas every week

H and Claire talk about the Steps split and their first single as a duo

England goalie David James chats to Funday Sport

Go behind the scenes on CITV's STARStreet

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f-mail

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FRUITY FUN

Capri-Sun is bursting into shops in five fruity flavours: Blackcurrant Orange, Tropical, Wild Berries and Strawberry.

In May, Capri-Sun is giving away funky limited edition door hangers called Door-Dudes. Each features a member of the Planet Juice Crew, including Wicked Orange and Crazy Blackcurrant. Check them out on the Capri-Sun website at www.planetjuice.co.uk.

The star f-mail writer will receive a Game Boy Advance and a Capri-Sun kit containing a pencil case, mouse-mat, lunch-box, bag, pen, a 10-pack of Capri-Sun and a set of Door-Dudes.

The other f-mailers will receive a Capri-Sun kit.

STAR

Dear f-mail,
Here is a cool rap poem about you!
Yo! The Funday Times, they're the best around,
They'd make anyone laugh – even a clown!
There's Robot Crusoe plus Dennis 'n' Gnash,
And Beryl the Peril is sure to give you a bash!
There's Fans Utd, Jarvis an' little Squirt,
In Tom an' Jerry, Tom is the one that gets hurt!
Creature Feature, Scooby Doo – it just won't stop!
So buy the Sunday Times at your local shop!
YEAH!
Tommy Hodgson, 10, via e-mail

Bethany Manning, 10, Harwich

Dear f-mail,
Hope you like these jokes, they're my favourites!

What's yellow and swings from one cake to another?
Tarzipan!

What type of sandals do frogs wear?
Open-toad!

How many ears did Davy Crockett have?
Three – a left ear, a right ear, and a wild frontier!

Coralie Young, 13, Leeds

Do you have a friend who looks like someone famous? Send a picture to f-mail and we'll print the best!

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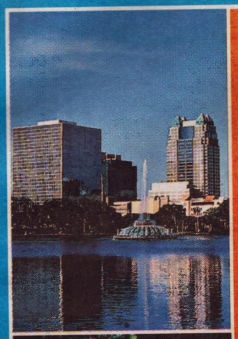
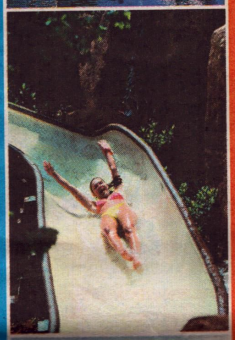
WIN IT!

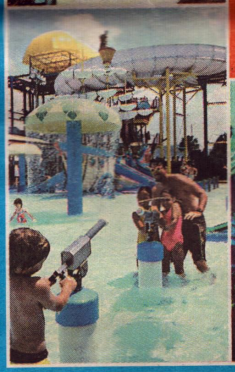
COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU95 1AY. **Competition deadline: May 8**

You can e-mail your competition answers to: funday.comps@sunday-times.co.uk
Sorry, but only one e-mail per entrant will be accepted.

ROCK ON!







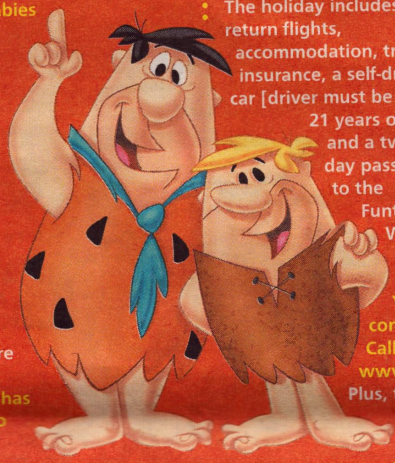
Join the fabulously famous Fred Flintstone, Wilmaaaaaaa, Barney, Betty, Pebbles and Bamm-Bamm in the new feature-length animation, The Flintstones: I Yabba Dabba Do, out to buy tomorrow, from Warner Home Video.

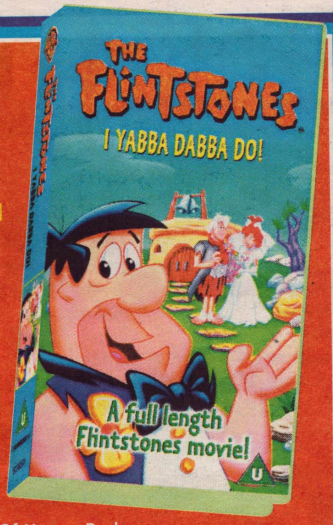
Time has moved on and the Bedrock babies have all grown-up. In fact, Pebbles and Bamm-Bamm plan to get married. The ever-flamboyant Fred tells his daughter that when it comes to the wedding, money is no object. But he soon regrets his generosity after his boss, George Slate, fires him.

Fred and Barney resort to desperate measures to come up with the cash. Meanwhile, Pebbles and Bamm-Bamm tire of the fuss and decide to elope to Rock Vegas. The faffing fathers then follow their kids to try to save the big day. Watch the video to find out whether Fred and Barney make it before they get to say: "I Yabba Dabba Do!"

To celebrate the video release, Funday has teamed up with Warner Home Video to offer one lucky reader and their family [two adults, two children] a sensational six-night holiday to Orlando, in sunny Florida.

The holiday includes return flights, accommodation, travel insurance, a self-drive car [driver must be over 21 years old] and a two-day pass to the Funtastic World Of Hanna Barbera at Universal Studios, where winners can meet the entire Bedrock clan.





You can check out what's up in Orlando by contacting the Orlando Tourism Bureau. Call freephone 0800 018 6760 or click on www.orlandoinfo.com/uk

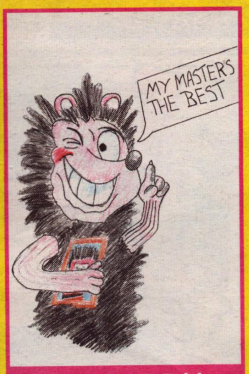
Plus, the winner and five runners-up will each receive a copy of the The Flintstones: I Yabba Dabba Do! on VHS.

To enter, tell us what Fred's pet dinosaur is called.

Mark your entry YABBA DABBA DO and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

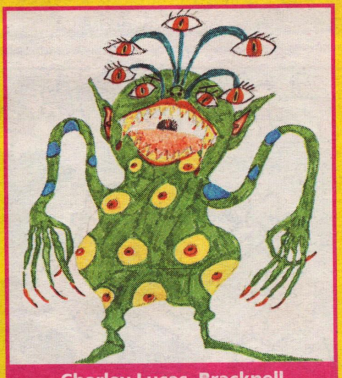
Normal TNL competition rules apply to all Funday Times competitions

Dear f-mail,
Recently, David Beckham broke his left foot in a football match and it is possible that he will miss the World Cup finals. It's been dominating the news for days and the media even suggested that the nation prayed for his foot! People have been saying that England can't win the World Cup without him, but I think that we're just damaging our morale with all this talk. The French player Robert Pires is going to miss the tournament due to injury, but you don't see their press moaning and making a big fuss about it. I know that Beckham is our captain and an important player but the others have got to just try their best and overcome this obstacle, proving that England are a great football team.
Oghotoma Chinosa, 14, Croydon



Davika Nair, 10, Feltham

Dear f-mail,
In issue 657, you had an interview with Cinjun Tate, from Remy Zero, about Smallville. I would like to point out as a fan of both Smallville and Superman, that Lois Lane is only in Superman. Lana Lang is the girl Clark loves in Smallville, but who he never gets together with – which is part of the reason he leaves for Metropolis where he meets Lois Lane. So the picture you printed is actually of Lana, Clark and Lex. In Smallville, Clark also doesn't have the power of flight. Are any other readers Smallville or Superman fans?
Beckz Smith, 15, Swindon



Charley Lucas, Bracknell

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SPORT

JEANETTE BRAKEWELL

Olympic silver medallist Jeanette Brakewell will be riding Over To You and Plantaganet Of Rushall at the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials, which begin on Thursday. Funday chats to the 28-year-old equestrian star

How did you become involved in event riding?

My parents had horses, so ever since I was born I have always been around them. As I got older, it seemed a natural progression to become involved. I used to go Pony Club when I was eight and really enjoyed the cross-country courses. From the Pony Club, I started competing in club-affiliated events. I love cross-country. When you are sitting on a really good horse, it's such a good feeling. It's like a skier who's turning really well.

Do you get excited about the Badminton Horse Trials?

Definitely, I was gutted when it was cancelled last year because of foot and mouth disease. I know it had to be cancelled, but my horses were on form so I was really looking forward to it. As long as I have got a horse capable of competing at that level, then I will always ride at Badminton. It offers the biggest challenge for riders in this country.

You will be riding two horses at Badminton – how different will they be?

One horse – Over To You – I have been riding for a few years so I know exactly how that will go. With Plantaganet, I have only been riding him since November and have only entered him in three competitions. I'm not sure how it will go with him, but I will give it my best shot. I think I will have to keep my wits about me, but the preparation work has been good.

Is there a lot of rivalry between the different riders?

As with every sport, it's very competitive – riding is no different. Yet when it comes to the welfare of the horse, the riders will offer advice on how to ride a type of jump or fence. It's a fairly united group when it comes to discussing the welfare of the horses.

What are your aims for the future?

The main aim this year is Badminton and then the world equestrian games in Jerez, Spain, this September. Beyond that there are the 2004 Olympics. I'd like to ride Over To You again, he'll be 16 then but should be fine as long as I look after him and keep him fit. We shall see, touch wood.

For more information about the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials, log on to www.badminton-horse.co.uk. For tickets, call the box office on 01454 218375

SPORT NEWS

Funday picks out the best of this week's sporting action

Today Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona

Schu's going to challenge Michael for the world driver's championship? After just four grand prix, the Ferrari flyer – Michael Schumacher – has notched up an impressive 14-point lead over his nearest rival, brother Ralf. Michael also enjoys the Barcelona circuit – he won there last year. See it live on ITV1 from 12.10pm.

Today First Division semi-final play-off, first leg, Norwich City v Wolves

Big-spending Wolves finished 11 points ahead of Norwich City in the league table, but the Canaries are flying high after their dramatic 2-0 win last week that secured their play-off place by one goal. See what surprises Delia Smith's team will cook up for Wolves at Carrow Road. Watch it live on ITV Sport from 2.30pm.

STREET KING

The National Indoor Arena in Birmingham will be packed with the world's top extreme athletes on May 5 and 6.

It plays host to the UK's largest street skate and BMX course for the two-day Vans King Of Street event [presented by Xbox].

To get into the spirit of the games, the event organiser is offering one reader an Xbox console. Plus, the winner and four runners-up will receive a collection of Vans goodies, including a hooded top and T-shirt.

To enter, tell us which sport Tony Hawks is famous for.

Mark your entry VANS and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.

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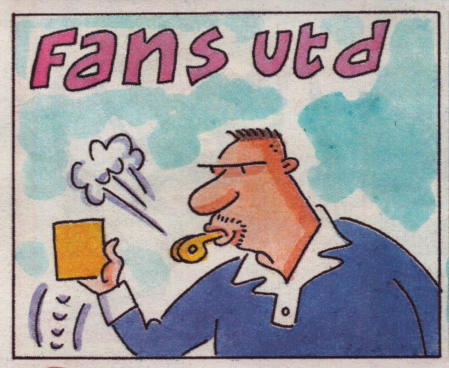
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